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1. Nationalist agents in Dairen have persuaded the captains of twelve fishing boats under Communist control to leave Dairen ostensibly on fishing trips but actually to desert to Tsingtao. By 20 January 1947 four of these vessels had arrived in Tsingtao. The others are expected.

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2. Ten Japanese and two Soviet citizens were discovered aboard these four vessels and were taken into custody by the Tsingtao Garrison Headquarters.
The question of the registry of these fishing boats may produce a problem. The USSR may claim them. If such a claim is made to the Tsingtao local authorities, they intend to forward it to Nanking for action. The boats are believed to be former Japanese property. If this is true, the Chinese government is within its right to confiscate the ships since they were within Chinese waters. Therefore, if the Soviets decide to present the claim, they must first prove their ownership of the vessels.)

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3. Other Nationalist agents are in Chefoo and Weihaiwei with the similar aim of effecting desertion of fishing boats now under Communist control. Preliminary reports from Nationalist agents indicate that the operation will be successful.

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